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4 August 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Jordan Bureau Monthly Report - July 1982

I. GENERAL

A. The region's battlegrounds were active on two fronts through the month--the Iraqi-Iranian war raging inside Iraq and the Israeli siege of West Beirut. Ambassador Viets told the interim bureau chief that he is a voracious consumer of FBIS traffic. Indeed, he offered the opinion that FBIS is the most effective and reliable agency he knows. The DCM also was appreciative of Analysis Group's help, prompted by [] reference to an exchange of highest-level messages between Washington and Amman, in sorting out what statements, and by whom, were issued during King Husayn's recent visit to the Soviet Union.

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B. The interim chief was joined at breakfast on 30 July by Congressman McCloskey, a member of a highly publicized Congressional delegation touring the region. The Congressman recounted the circumstances that produced the famous one liner signed by PLO Chairman 'Arafat. The interim chief forbore from offering his less-famous theoretical propositions concerning the political signaling process.

II. OPERATIONS

A. At the BBC's request the bureau operated around the clock beginning 13 July to cover Baghdad radios; prior to that it was staying open until around 0300 local when Damascus radio went off the air. This put a real strain on bureau resources, particularly the monitors, who were three below the T/O and were without one senior monitor out of country on annual leave. Headquarters directed that this bureau's share of Cairo coverage be transferred to Gulf Bureau, with SUNA returning here. The main burden came from the long hours and extensive overtime, however, and on 20 July these were cut back and five days later the bureau reverted to its standard hours.

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B. A new Baghdad program, "Corner of Arab Egypt," was sampled and compared with its predecessor, "Voice of Egypt of Arabism." The new program continues the attacks on the Camp David agreements and Egyptian-Israeli rapprochement, but it refrains from mentioning President Mubarak, in contrast to its criticism of his predecessor. As with various other secondary programs, the bureau will put this one on coverage whenever events make its content particularly topical.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Bureau Chief [redacted] departed PCS for Headquarters on 8 July. [redacted] arrived on 16 July to serve as interim chief for a few weeks.

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B. Teletypist [redacted] returned to duty after an absence of about a month for an operation.

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C. An endemic problem was illustrated again when monitor trainee [redacted] resigned on 10 July. Social pressures make it difficult for local women to work evening shifts here. Several promising Arabic monitor candidates have been tested, one is entering on duty shortly, and offers will be made to two others.

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Interim Chief, Jordan Bureau

Attachments:

- A. Jordan Bureau Production Report
- B. Communication Report
- C. Engineering Report

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ATTACHMENT B

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

1. Total wirefiled FBIS wordage during July 1982 was 237,560, a decrease of 58,170 compared with June 1982. The highest daily total was 14,090 on 15 July, while the lowest was 3,490 on 28 July. The daily average was 7,663 compared with 9,858 in June 1982.

2. All wordage was filed over the Embassy circuit.

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3. The following is a breakdown of total outgoing/incoming wordage, figures include reruns:

<u>OUTGOING</u>	<u>WORDAGE</u>	<u>ITEMS</u>
FBIS	263,900	1,239
DAO/MAP	31,600	249
Svc Msgs	8,040	804
TOTALS	303,540	2,292

<u>INCOMING</u>	<u>WORDAGE</u>	<u>ITEMS</u>
FBIS	318,900	1,613
DAO/MAP	301,500	815
STATE	1,294,900	5,042
Svc Msgs	9,400	940
TOTALS	1,924,700	8,410

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ATTACHMENT C

ENGINEERING REPORT

1. RECEIVED

1. 2 Motor units for SONY transcriber, from Headquarters.
2. 3 26004 fuse harness assemblies for EXTEL B-315 teleprinter, from Headquarters.
3. 1 Variable resistor for EXTEL RO, from Headquarters.
4. 1 Synthesizer VCO card for COLLINS receiver, from Headquarters.
5. 11 Nickel-Cadmon Batteries, from Headquarters.
6. 1 EXTEL ribbon motor assembly, from Nicosia.
7. 1 Logic lab HEWLETT PACKARD Model HP-5035T, from Headquarters

2. SENT

1. Nothing